

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL COAST REGION**

STAFF REPORT FOR REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 6, 2002

Prepared on August 20, 2002

ITEM NUMBER:

**SUBJECT: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN –
CENTRAL COAST REGION (BASIN PLAN) REGARDING UPDATE AND REVISION OF THE
SURVEILLANCE AND MONITORING CHAPTER (CHAPTER 6) OF THE BASIN PLAN**

SUMMARY

Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) staff propose amendment of its 1994 Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan). The purpose of this amendment is to update the existing Surveillance and Monitoring Chapter (Chapter 6) of the Basin Plan to include programs developed since the Basin Plan was last revised in September 1994, update information for existing programs, and include a discussion of assessment programs.

This amendment is presented to the Board for review and consideration.

DISCUSSION

Why Update?

The Basin Plan Surveillance and Monitoring Chapter has not been updated since 1994. Over that time period a number of new monitoring and assessment programs have been developed. Additionally, some descriptions of monitoring and assessment programs that existed in 1994 contain information that is outdated and/or incomplete (e.g. more detailed information for specific programs, including data and assessment reports, are now available).

What has changed?

Since 1994, monitoring and assessment programs have been developed at both the State and Regional level. New statewide programs include the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program (SWAMP), Groundwater Ambient Monitoring and Assessment (GAMA) Program, and the Groundwater Quality Monitoring Act of 2001.

Regionally, we have developed the Central Coast Ambient Monitoring Program (CCAMP).

Presented below is a summary of major additions and changes to Chapter 6 of the Basin Plan:

1. Chapter Title changed to Chapter 6: Monitoring and Assessment;
2. Chapter reorganization and Table of Contents (see Attachment B);
3. Page 1: added general introduction;
4. Page 3: modified compliance monitoring introduction;
5. Page 4: added ambient monitoring and assessment introduction;
6. Pages 4-6: added Surface Water Ambient Monitoring (SWAMP) description, deleted Primary Water Quality Monitoring Network section, modified Toxic Substance Monitoring (TSM) and State Mussel Watch (SMW) descriptions;
7. Page 6: Deleted Lake Surveillance section (described in 305(b) reporting requirements section);
8. Pages 6-7: added Groundwater Ambient Monitoring and Assessment (GAMA) description and Groundwater Quality Monitoring Act of 2001 description;
9. Page 8-9: added Central Coast Ambient Monitoring Program (CCAMP) description;
10. Page 9-12: added section and introduction for assessment programs; modified Water Quality Inventory (305(b)) Report and Water Quality Assessment Report descriptions; added CCAMP assessment section.

Attachment B contains the full text of all Chapter 6 edits, additions, and changes.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUMMARY

A Notice of Public Hearing has been circulated. A Notice of Filing, Written Report, and Environmental Checklist will be prepared and circulated to interested agencies and persons prior to consideration of any Basin Plan amendment. This will satisfy the environmental documentation requirements of both the California Environmental Quality Act, under Public Resources Code Section 21080.5 and the Federal Clean Water Act of 1977 (PL 92-500 and PL 95-217).

COMMENTS

- *Comments due October 4, 2002*

RECOMMENDATION

Regional Board staff recommend adoption of the attached Resolution (Attachment A) as proposed. Resolution R3-2000-0094 approves revision of Chapter 6 of the Basin Plan.

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment A. Resolution R3-2000-0094
- Attachment B. Proposed Basin Plan amendment – revision of Chapter 6: Surveillance and Monitoring
- Attachment C. CEQA checklist
- Attachment D. Notice of Public Hearing and
Notice of Filing a Draft Environmental Document
- Attachment E. Letter to Legal Notice Department